

Present: Dwight Baker; Andy Bennett; John Coney; Dick Burkhardt, Vice-Chair; Ray Day, Jr.; Dave Elliott; John Jensen, Chair; Joan Sells; Mike Taylor

Excused: Hans Brandal, Sandy Paul-Lyle, Holly Plackett; Anirudh Sahni

Staff: Barbara de Michele, Community Relations Planner

John Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Legislative Forum

Members discussed possible questions for the Legislative Forum scheduled for Monday, November 21 at noon. The panel will include Harold Taniguchi, Director of the King County Department of Transportation, and Representative Fred Jarrett, (R-41) member of the House Transportation Committee. The following questions were suggested:

- 1) (Taniguchi) Given the projected increase in population in our region, and the evident support for Metro, what are the prospects that Metro will go to voters to get the full authorized revenue base (final .01%)
- 2) (Jarrett) What's the feeling in the legislature about state support for local transit services – not only in the Seattle area, but across the state in urban centers such as Spokane?
- 3) (Jarrett and Taniguchi) Is there still a need for a regional transit authority? Should the authority be expanded to four counties? Is there the possibility of smaller taxing districts within the regional authority (i.e., for waterborne transit and other specialized services?)
- 4) (Taniguchi) Is Metro willing to address future fare increases, especially in light of the increasing cost of gas?
- 5) (Taniguchi, and possibly Jarrett) Commuters really hate the different fare structure between Metro and Sound Transit because it is so confusing and administered “flexibly” by different drivers. Is there any way to standardize fares?
- 6) (Jarrett) What do you think are the top issues facing the House and Senate Transportation Committees in 2006?
- 7) (Both) Do you have any comment on the state waterborne transit task force? *(TAC members realize there may not be any progress to report or comment upon)*
- 8) (Both) What would be your personal top priorities for transit (as well as transportation) in this region?
- 9) (Taniguchi) How is Metro planning to mitigate for the really big construction projects that are now definitely ahead (Alaskan Way Viaduct, SR520, I-405). It seems as though there will be a tremendous need for increased transit in those construction areas.
- 10) (Both) Since the King County/Puget Sound region appears to be willing to tax itself for transportation projects, how can Metro, KCDOT or the state take advantage of this willingness?

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Fall Transit Outreach

De Michele and Baker gave a brief overview of Metro's fall outreach on the Eastside. Holly Plackett is also representing TAC on the Eastside Sounding Board. Sandy Paul-Lyle is TAC's representative to the South Sounding Board and could not be present because she was attending a meeting of that group.

De Michele also gave a brief update on the waterfront streetcar, which will be replaced by bus service on November 18. The new streetcar barn should be completed in 2007.

Retreat Discussion

Members discussed several topics for the retreat, including 1) what can Metro propose along the monorail's green line? 2) a review of the 2005 workplan with a report card; 3) a report on bus service following the tunnel closure; 4) Uses for GPS technology; 5) how can Metro do a better job of communicating? 6) possible fare increases; 7) safety and security measures. The group agreed that they would like to invite Metro General Manager Kevin Desmond to join them for part of the day.

Adjournment

Jensen adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:47 p.m.